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Mr. Kissinger

The President

9/24/70; 11:30 p.m.

P: I will be pretty much out of pocket in the morning. I am having breakfast with the leaders. You will have to get back to Dobrynin in the morning.

K: I have already called him and told him he should bring me the message and if anything warranted a reply you would be glad to see him.

P: Did he say he would do that?

K: No. He said he would have to check with Moscow.

P: Oh, he said that. I don't know what the hell he is up to, do you?

K: No. We have to be careful what positive means if we have to head for another thing on Cuba.

P: Also what dates he is talking about. If he is talking about something after the elections, we won't have it.

K: It is not courteous to come in with a reply the day before you leave on a trip.

P: Did he say he had instructions to see me with the message?

K: That's right. I think they will give in on it. If not, then perhaps you can just see him, take the message and say nothing. I think they should be treated very coolly.

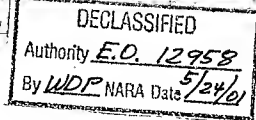
P: If they insist on giving it to me, I will take it but on the other hand, I think we should try this gimmick first.

K: I think you should not let him draw you into conversation.

P: Under no circumstances -- thank you, Mr. Ambassador, how was your trip. Fine. You will handle it then, will you? You did a fine job again tonight.

K: It worked out fine -- they were a good group. You certainly laid it on to them.

P: These people have to have a feeling that they are kind of in on things. They are the money bags.



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P: We have to put it on the line that we have to get rid of Fulbright.

K: True -- to get rid of Fulbright is worth the ~~whole~~ whole election. I don't know if you lingered to talk to any of them.

P: They were pleased -- they all mentioned your

K: They were referring to the whole evening.

P: You know, we have to get the American elite and get the backbone back into them.

K: Right. If not you or this Administration, who?

P: This is the last conservative Administration -- who will do it.

K: Dobrynin said he would call me by 10:00 a.m.

P: Good, that's good.

K: Considering what they did

P: And also that they kept you waiting for a few weeks.

K: Considering what they are doing in Cuba, considering deception in Syria -- until we got tough.

P: The fact that they are running all over town saying that they held Syria back. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

K: It's just like '67 (?) they held them back when they thought they were losing.

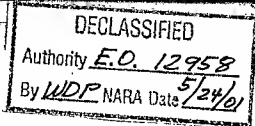
P: Right.

K: Absolutely. They deserve the cold treatment. He will deliver his message. I have no doubt about it.

P: He probably isn't checking with Moscow.

K: He just wanted to hold it until tomorrow,

P: Was he chummy?



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K: He started out being chummy. He said I didn't keep my promise because I told him there would not be a crisis while he was gone. I said, Mr. Ambassador, if I were you I would not talk about promises. I think in view of what they have done in Cuba... I don't think it is an affirmative reply.

P: Oh, no?

K: Thinking against it (?) He said he has two messages: one on Jordan.

P: Probably a warning -- he is not going to warn us!

K: One one on the Summit. I don't exclude that they are saying there will be a Summit. They may have one because it is in their own interests now. It might be a low-key Summit or perhaps one in November.

P: No, sir. Don't you agree.

K: The only interest we have is to have one before the election.

P: Or getting base out of Cuba in November. Just say I am sorry November and December is full.

K: They may invite you to Moscow for next year.

P: I don't think I would do that.

K: On that one I would wait. It might be a good thing for the summer but we would have to have that Cuban thing in between.

P: One possible thing about having Summit in November is to announce it ahead of time.

K: Right.

P: Let's think about it.